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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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For: CUT-RESISTANT ARTICLES OF ARAMID MICROFILAMENTS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 4-7 as follows:

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4. (Amended) The cut-resistant article of claim 1 wherein the titer of the microfilaments is equal to or smaller than 1.3 dtex (1.3×10^{-4} g/m).
 5. (Amended) The cut-resistant article of claim 1 wherein the microfilaments are in the form of staple fibers with a length between 38 and 100 mm.
 6. (Amended) The cut-resistant article of claim 1 wherein the microfilaments are in the form of stretch breaking yarn or endless filament yarn.
 7. (Amended) The cut-resistant article of claim 1 wherein the article is a glove.